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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) |
| | 09/903,813 | KLEIN ET AL. |
| | Examiner David Lukton | Art Unit 1653 |

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 4/23/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 20 and 21.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date Filed 7-12-01
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

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The after-final response filed 3/25/04 directed the amendment of claims 20-21. Subsequently, the response filed 4/23/04 directed a further amendment of claim 20. The amendment filed 3/25/04, followed by the amendment filed 4/23/04 places the claims in condition for allowance.



An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

On 7/12/01, the following preliminary amendment was filed which amended the specification on page 1, line 5 to indicate the continuity status:

“This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/137,998 filed August 21, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/628,648 filed May 2, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,866,685, which application, in turn, claims priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT/US94/12135 filed October 17, 1994, which is a continuation-in- part application of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 08/138,820, filed October 15, 1993, now abandoned, the disclosures of all of which are incorporated herein by reference.”

Delete this preliminary amendment, and **substitute therefor** the following:

-- This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/137,998 filed August 21, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,274,705, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/628,648 filed May 2, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,866,685, which application, in turn, claims priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT/US94/12135 filed October 17, 1994, which is a continuation-in-part application of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 08/138,820, filed October 15, 1993, now abandoned, the disclosures of all of which are incorporated herein by reference. --



Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Lukton whose telephone number is 571-272-0952. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 9:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low, can be reached at 571-272-0951. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-1600.

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